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TOWN OFFICERS

Moderator

C. DENIS MATTHEWS

Town Clerk

ILEENE A. MATTHEWS

Selectmen

LAUIE A. NETTLETON WALTER S. STEVENS

VERNON MATTHEWS

Highway Surveyor

PERLEY MATTHEWS

Treasurer

ILEENE A. MATTHEWS

Tax Collector

ANNIE M. ESTY

Land Agents

SELECTMEN

Librarian

ANNE S. NETTLETON

Police

LEWIS J. ALBERT

Health Officer

MINNIE DAVIS (deceased)

Auditors

FLORA MATTHEWS ZELMA WATTS

Trustee of Trust Funds

LAUIE A. NETTLETON

Library Trustees

FLORA MATTHEWS ILEENE A. MATTHEWS

LAUIE A. NETTLETON

Janitor

ROLAND MATTHEWS

Constable

EDGAR C. McCLELLAN

Fire Warden

ERNEST E. MATTHEWS

Deputy Wardens

CARROLL G. MATTHEWS FLOYD COLBY

State of New Hampshire

TOWN WARRANT

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Groton in the County of Grafton in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town House in said Groton on Tuesday, the tenth day of March, next at three o'clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same in accordance with the budget herewith attached.

3. To see if the Town will vote to give a discount for prompt payment of taxes.

4. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

5. To see if the Town will vote to increase the salary of the Town Clerk and Treasurer from $150 to $200 per annum.

6. To see if the Town will vote to rescind the annual salary of the Selectmen and to pay the Selectmen on an hourly basis at the same rates as presently are paid State employees, namely, $1.43 per hour for the Head Selectman and $1.33 per hour for the other Selectmen.

7. To see if the Town will vote to discontinue plowing State Roads.

8. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to dispose of or administer any real estate acquired by Tax Collector deeds.

9. To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the road leading from Rumney to the so-called Hobbs Place, subject to gates and bars.

10. To see if the Town will vote to establish a town dump, and have the Highway Surveyor made responsible for its maintenance.

Other articles may be added before warrant is posted.

Given under our hands and seal, this 2nd day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and fifty-nine.

L. A. NETTLETON,
WALTER S. STEVENS,
VERNON MATTHEWS,
Selectmen of Groton

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

L. A. NETTLETON,
WALTER S. STEVENS,
VERNON MATTHEWS,
Selectmen of Groton

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

To the Citizens of the Town of Groton:

The fiscal year has ended with a cash balance of $3,310.69 and current liabilities of $731.95, leaving a surplus of $2,578.74.

On the basis of the proposed appropriations, and assuming no general increase in assessments, the tax rate for 1959 should be between $3.45 and $4.00.

The two largest items in the town expenses were the highway department's $7,759.33 and school taxes $6,840.75, representing in the year 1958, 39.5% and 34.7% respectively of the entire expense.

The highway department expended a total of $3,449.94 for snow removal and received from the state the sum of $840 for plowing state roads. The State of New Hampshire has approximately one mile more of roads to be plowed than the town has and the cost to the state has been $840 plus 1 man for 200 hours or $266, making a total of $1,106. The town cost for somewhat less mileage and less hazardous roads was $3,449.94 less the $840, or $2,609.94. In addition it is only fair to add the major part of general highway expense of $1,293.41 to the above cost. It would seem quite obvious that plowing state roads is an expensive luxury for the town.

It must be pointed out that as of Jan. 1, 1959, due to the efforts of Walter Stevens, the state has increased the contract rate for the town equipment from $4.20 an hour to $5.90 which, during the year 1958, would have increased the town's income by $340.

It is proposed, by your selectmen, to establish a town dump which, in their opinion, is an immediate necessity. The roadsides are being littered with cans, bottles and trash and by having an available dump, this condition should be considerably improved.

The interior of the town hall and library annex have been painted and it is the opinion of your selectmen that the exterior of the town hall should be painted this year.

In closing, the selectmen wish to express their thanks for the cooperation of many of the townspeople in town affairs.

LAUIE A. NETTLETON,
WALTER S. STEVENS,
VERNON MATTHEWS,
Selectmen.

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF

Estimates of Revenue and Expenditures for the

Compared with Estimated and Actual Revenue, Appropriations and

SOURCES OF REVENUE	Estimated Revenue Previous Yr. 1958	Actual Revenue Previous Yr. 1958	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Yr. 1959
From State:			
Interest and Dividends Tax	$ 42.03	$ 42.09	$ 60.00
Savings Bank Tax	1.21	.72	1.00
Reimb. a/c State & Federal forest land	21.78	18.81	18.00
For Fighting Forest Fires		9.66	
Town Road Aid		462.73	
From Local Sources Except Taxes:			
Dog Licenses	60.00	53.80	50.00
Business Licenses, Permits & Filing Fees		1.00	1.00
Interest Received on Taxes & Deposits	100.00	96.32	100.00
Income of Departments:			
Highway, incl. rental of equipment	500.00	952.00	800.00
Insurance Refund		53.07	
Recount of Ballots		10.00	
Reimbursement for Fire		2.93	
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	587.00	602.16	600.00
Sale of Town Property		18.00	
Cash Surplus	3,318.46	3,318.46	2,578.74
From Local Taxes Other Than Property Taxes:			
Poll Taxes — Regular @ $2	106.00	100.00	100.00
Yield Taxes	825.80	634.50	1,000.00
TOTAL REVENUES FROM ALL SOURCES EXCEPT PROPERTY TAXES	$ 5,562.28	$ 6,376.25	$ 5,308.74
Amount to be Raised by Property Taxes			**16,676.68**
Total Revenues			**$ 21,985.42**

NOTES TO UNEXPENDED BALANCES & OVERDRAFTS:

(1) Amount received from State of New Hampshire in addition to regular T.R.A. See - Actual Revenue 1958.

(2) Balance due School District. See - Town Liabilities.

Note: Net Unexpended Balance is the sum of $1,510.96 less the sum of $340.75 and plus the sum of $462.73 or the sum of **$1,632.94.**

GROTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Ensuing Year Jan. 1, 1959 to Dec. 31, 1959

Expenditures of the Previous Year Jan. 1, 1958 to Dec. 31, 1958

PURPOSES OF EXPENDITURES	Appropriation Previous Year	Actual Expenditures Previous Yr.	Unexpended (Overdraft)	Estimated Expenditures Ensuing Yr.
Current Maintenance Expenses:	1958	1958	1958	1959
General Government:				
Town Officers' Salaries	$ 800.00	$ 783.20	$ 16.80	$ 1,000.00
Town Officers' Expenses	600.00	436.35	163.65	700.00
Election & Registration Expenses	350.00	323.76	26.24	150.00
Exp. Town Hall, Other Town Bldgs.	300.00	331.05	(31.05)	400.00
Protection of Persons & Property:				
Police Department	50.00	15.00	35.00	50.00
Fire Department	100.00	38.60	61.40	100.00
Insurance	300.00	172.40	127.60	300.00
Civil Defense	50.00		50.00	50.00
Health:				
Health Dept., including Hospitals	25.00		25.00	25.00
Vital Statistics	5.00		5.00	5.00
Town Dump and Garbage Removal				600.00
Highways and Bridges:				
Town Maintenance—Summer	3,000.00	2,343.00	657.00	3,000.00
Town Maintenance—Winter	3,500.00	3,444.94	55.06	3,000.00
General Expenses, Highway Dept.	1,500.00	1,293.41	206.59	1,000.00
TRA, State to contribute $1,661.05	215.25	677.98	(1)(462.73)	249.16
Libraries	200.00	200.00		300.00
Public Welfare:				
Town Poor	50.00	29.88	20.12	50.00
Old Age Assistance	850.00	792.82	57.18	900.00
Recreation:				
Parks & Playgrounds	50.00	33.47	16.53	100.00
Public Service Enterprises:				
Cemeteries	50.00		50.00	100.00
Unclassified:				
Damages and Legal Expenses	200.00	109.18	90.82	200.00
Newfound Area Chambr. of Com.	50.00	50.00		50.00
Interest:				
On Temporary Loans	75.00	75.00		75.00
On Long Term Notes and Bonds	50.00	50.00		50.00
Payment on Principal of Debt:				
Long Term Notes	1,000.00	1,000.00		1,000.00
County Taxes	991.27	991.27		1,000.00
School Taxes	6,840.75	6,500.00	(2)340.75	7,441.00
Total Expenditures	**$ 21,202.27**	**$ 19,691.31**	**$ 1,510.96**	**$ 21,985.42**

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND TAXES ASSESSED

Appropriations:

Town Officers' Salaries	$ 800.00	
Town Officers' Expenses	600.00	
Election and Registration Expenses	350.00	
Town Hall & Buildings Maintenance	300.00	
Fire Department	100.00	
Police Department	50.00	
Civilian Defense	50.00	
Health Department	25.00	
Vital Statistics	5.00	
Town Maintenance—Summer	3,000.00	
Town Maintenance—Winter	3,500.00	
Town Road Aid	215.25	
General Expense of Highway Dept.	1,500.00	
Insurance	300.00	
Libraries	200.00	
Old Age Assistance	850.00	
Public Relief	50.00	
Parks and Playgrounds	50.00	
Cemeteries	50.00	
Damages & Legal Expenses, including Dog Damages	200.00	
Advertising & Regional Associations	50.00	
Payments on Debt—Principal	1,000.00	
Payment on Debt—Interest	125.00	
County Tax	991.27	
School Tax	6,840.75	
Total Town & School Appro.		**$ 21,202.27**

Less: Estimated Revenues & Credits:		
Reimb. a/c State & Fed. Forest Lands	$ 21.78	
Interest and Dividend Tax	42.03	
Savings Bank Tax	1.21	
Revenue from Yield Tax Sources	825.80	
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	587.00	
Dog Licenses	60.00	
Rent of Town Property & Equipment	500.00	
Sale of Tax Deeded Property	100.00	
Cash Surplus	3,318.46	
Total Revenues & Credits		5,456.28
		$ 15,745.99
Plus Overlay		700.58
Net amount to be raised by Taxation		$ 16,446.57
Less 53 Poll Taxes @ $2.00		106.00
Amount to be raised by Property Taxes		**$ 16,340.57**
Taxes to be committed to Collector:		
Property Taxes	$ 16,340.57	
Poll Taxes @ $2.00	106.00	
Total Taxes to be Committed		$ 16,446.57

Tax Rate — $3.45

SUMMARY OF INVENTORY

Lands and Buildings	$270,460.00
Mills and Machinery	1,075.00
Electric Plants	206,620.00
Stock in Trade	700.00
Boats and Launches	150.00
Horses, Asses and Mules	750.00
Cows	1,025.00
Gasoline Pumps and Tanks	150.00
Total Valuation	$480,930.00
Less Veterans' Exemptions	7,300.00
Net Valuation on which Tax Rate is Computed	$473,630.00

Electric and Gas Utility Companies

N. H. Electric	$ 4,770.00
New England Power	201,630.00
White Mt. Power	220.00
Total	$206,620.00
Edgar C. McClellan, stock in trade	700.00
Total	$207,320.00
Amt. property valuation exempted to veterans	$ 7,300.00

Number of inventories distributed	165
Number of inventories returned	95
Number of veterans who received prop. exemption	8
Number of veterans exempted from poll tax	12

FINANCIAL REPORT

ASSETS

Cash		
In Hands of Treasurer		$ 3,310.69
Unredeemed Taxes:		
Levy of 1957	$ 400.17	
Levy of 1956	334.35	
		734.52
Uncollected Taxes:		
Levy of 1958	$ 2,666.50	
Levy of 1957	214.15	
State Head Taxes—Levy of 1958	165.00	
		3,045.65
Total Assets		$ 7,090.86

LIABILITIES

Accounts Owed by the Town:		
Due to State:		
Uncollected Head Taxes—1958		$ 165.00
Yield Tax—Bond & Debt Retirement		
Uncollected	$ 120.45	
Collected, not remitted to State Treasurer	105.75	
		226.20
Due to School District:		
Balance of Appropriation		340.75
Long Term Notes Outstanding:		
First National Bank of Bristol		1,000.00
Total Liabilities		$ 1,731.95
Excess of Assets over Liabilities (Surplus)		5,358.91
Grand Total		$ 7,090.86
Surplus, Dec. 31, 1957	$ 3,318.46	
Surplus, Dec. 31, 1958	5,358.91	
Increase of Surplus	$ 2,040.45	

RECEIPTS

Current Revenue:

From Local Taxes: collected and remitted to Treas.

Property Taxes, cur. yr. 1958	$ 13,877.81	
Poll Taxes, cur. yr. 1958	48.00	
State Head Taxes @ $5, 1958	150.00	
Yield Taxes, 1958	341.17	
Total Current Year's Taxes collected and remitted		$ 14,416.98
Property & Yield Taxes, previous yrs.		2,268.49
Poll Taxes, previous years		52.00
State Head Taxes @ $5, previous years		145.00
Interest received on Taxes		96.32
Penalties on State Head Taxes		18.00
Tax sales redeemed		567.60
From State:		
For Town Road Aid	$ 462.73	
For Class V Highway maintenance	840.00	
Interest and dividends tax	42.09	
Savings Bank Tax	.72	
Reimb. a/c state and fed. forest lands	18.81	
Fighting forest fires	9.66	
From Local Sources, Except Taxes:		
Dog licenses	53.80	
Business licenses, permits, filing fees	1.00	
Rent of town property	112.00	
Reg. motor vehicles, 1957 permits	88.60	
Reg. motor vehicles, 1958 permits	513.56	
Total Current Revenue Receipts		19,707.36

Receipts Other than Current Revenue:

Temporary loans in anticipation of taxes during year	$ 5,000.00
Insurance adjustments	53.07

Sale of town property		18.00	
Recount of Ballots		10.00	
Reimbursement for Fire		2.93	
Taxes Bought by Town		277.60	
Taxes Bought by Others		100.40	
Interest		18.81	
Total Receipts other than cur. rev.			5,480.81
Total Receipts from All Sources			$ 25,188.17
Cash on hand January 1, 1958			3,353.46
Grand Total			$ 28,541.63

PAYMENTS

Current Maintenance Expenses:			
General Government:			
Town officers' salaries		$ 783.20	
Town officers' expenses		436.35	
Election & registration expenses		323.76	
Exp. town hall, other town bldgs		331.05	
			$ 1,874.36
Protection of Persons and Property:			
Police department		$ 15.00	
Fire dept., incl. forest fires		38.60	
Insurance		172.40	
			226.00
Highways and Bridges:			
Town Road Aid		$ 677.98	
Town Maintenance			
Summer	$ 2,343.00		
Winter	3,444.94		
		5,787.94	
Gen. Exp. of Highway Dept.		1,293.41	
			7,759.33

Libraries:			200.00
Public Welfare:			
Old age assistance		$ 792.82	
Town poor		29.88	
			822.70
Recreation:			
Parks and playgrounds			33.47
Unclassified:			
Damages and legal expenses		$ 109.18	
Advertising & Regional Assoc.		50.00	
Taxes bought by town		352.13	
			511.31
Total Cur. Maintenance Expenses			$ 11,427.17
Interest:			
Paid on temporary loans		$ 75.00	
Paid on long term notes		50.00	
Total Interest Payments			125.00
Indebtedness:			
Payments on temporary loans		$ 5,000.00	
Payments on long term notes		1,000.00	
Total Indebtedness Paym'ts			6,000.00
Payments to other Gov. Divisions:			
State Head Taxes paid State Treas.			
1958 Taxes	$ 106.00		
Prior Years	81.50		
		187.50	
Taxes paid to County		991.27	
Payments to School District, '58 tax		6,500.00	
Total Payments to Other Governmental Divisions			7,678.77
Total Payments for all Purposes			$ 25,230.94
Cash on hand December 31, 1958			3,310.69
Grand Total			$ 28,541.63

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Description	Value
Town Hall, Lands and Buildings	$ 2,000.00
Furniture and Equipment	500.00
Libraries, Lands and Buildings	1,500.00
Furniture and Equipment	1,500.00
Fire Department, Equipment	100.00
Highway Department, Lands and Buildings	1,100.00
Equipment	4,500.00
Schools, Lands and Buildings	4,000.00
Equipment	1,000.00
Total	$ 16,200.00

AUDITOR'S REPORT

Certificate

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete to the best of our knowledge and belief.

FLORA MATTHEWS

ZELMA WATTS

January 10, 1959

DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

Town Officers' Salaries

L. A. Nettleton	$ 200.00	
Walter Stevens	100.00	
Vernon Matthews	100.00	
Eileene Matthews	150.00	
Anne M. Esty	170.00	
Roland Matthews	10.00	
Flora Matthews	26.60	
Zelma Watts	26.60	
		$ 783.20

Town Officers' Expenses

Association of N. H. Assessors	$ 3.00	
Anne Esty, expenses	18.91	
E. McClellan, expenses	12.81	
Eileene Matthews, expenses	75.62	
Walter Stevens, expenses	7.50	
L. A. Nettleton, expenses	53.45	
Brown & Saltmarsh, supplies	19.52	
Wheeler & Clark, supplies	8.68	
John C. Ray, bonds	41.00	
Anna D. Proctor, transfers	.30	
N. H. Tax Commission	.50	
Branahan Publishing Co., auto book	7.00	
N. H. Tax Collector Assoc.	3.00	
F. J. Shores, transfers	5.55	
Enterprise Press, notice	2.40	
Sargent Bros., tax forms	12.90	
Meredith News, town reports	159.25	
Check Book, Plymouth Bank	4.37	
Service Charge, Plymouth Bank	.59	
		$ 436.35

Election and Registration

Lillian Colby, supervisor	$ 61.22	
Ernest Matthews, supervisor	61.18	
Edythe Newton, supervisor	57.19	
Annie M. Esty, inspector	22.61	
Flora Matthews, inspector	22.61	
Joan Matthews, inspector	6.65	
Yvonne Stevens, inspector	13.30	
Ellen Matthews, inspector	6.65	
Enterprise Press, ballots & check list	39.75	
Agnes Lane, moderator 1957	6.00	
C. Denis Matthews, moderator	26.60	
		$ 323.76

Town Hall and Buildings

Arthur Corneau, wood	$ 12.00	
Perley Matthews, painting annex	59.85	
L. A. Nettleton, venetian blinds	9.76	
C. L. Esty, strapping for annex	2.35	
Higgins & Wilson, paint, annex	42.39	
Vernon Matthews, repairing and painting town hall	130.60	
Rands, paint, town hall	6.90	
N. H. Electric, electricity for town hall	33.00	
Elliots, venetian blinds, town hall	34.20	
		$ 331.05

Police Department

Louise J. Albert, police officer	$ 15.00

Highways and Bridges

Town Road Aid, State of New Hampshire	$ 677.98

Libraries

Flora Matthews, treasurer	$ 200.00

Old Age Assistance

State of New Hampshire (town's share)		$ 792.82

Town Poor

Edgar C. McClellan, food		$ 29.88

Fires

E. Matthews, Latuleppe fire	$ 14.92	
North Groton fire	2.93	
Reported fire	20.75	
		$ 38.60

Insurance

John C. Ray, town house	$ 37.80	
Workmens Compensation	124.60	
Fire and Theft	10.00	
		$ 172.40

South End Roads

Perley Matthews, labor	$ 405.86
Ernest Matthews, labor	138.32
E. Butterfield, labor	110.39
H. St. Lawrence, team	71.82
E. Hobart, labor	42.56
F. Colby, labor	23.94
Vernon Matthews, labor	33.25
C. Matthews, labor	27.93
S. Lane, labor	31.92
Barnards Garage	3.00
C. Matthews, tractor	107.79
Perley Matthews, gravel	28.50
Perley Matthews, supplies	5.83
Norton Braley, gas	4.63
E. McClellan, gas	38.89
Woodward, sand	2.10
E. McClellan, wages	7.98

E. Matthews, Jr., wages	21.28	
E. Matthews, Jr., chain saw	1.00	
State of N.H., tarring rd. to schoolhouse	163.09	
Berg & Ireland	15.00	
Tilton Sand & Gravel	36.47	
Tilton Sand & Gravel	21.45	
		$ 1,343.00

North End Road

Tarring road to Cheever Corner	$ 1,000.00
	$ 2,343.00

Snow Removal

January 1 - March 11

L. Albert, labor	$ 389.68	
Nicholas Adams, labor	225.46	
James Albert, labor	61.18	
Ed. Albert, labor	248.07	
Ed. Butterfield, labor	37.24	
Morris Smith, labor	180.23	
Edgar Albert, labor	205.50	
Sheldon Woodward, labor	87.78	
Lawrence Bowles, labor	19.29	
Fred Waldron, labor	14.63	
Homer Tarr, truck	5.00	
Dorchester, plowing	140.00	
Rumney, plowing	116.25	
M. E. McLeod, plowing	96.00	
M. E. McLeod, rent of tractor	300.00	
Roy Woodward, sand	23.00	
Lester W. Coffin, repairs	10.00	
Norton Braley, gas	26.93	
E. McClellan, gas	330.81	
Chase Grain, salt	27.00	
		$ 2,544.05

March 11 - December 31

H. S. Beadle, cross chains	$ 4.80	
R. Woodward, sand	2.00	
E. McClellan, gas	29.63	
Perley Matthews, labor	310.31	
Ernest Matthews, labor	186.20	
F. Colby, labor	3.99	
E. Butterfield, labor	3.99	
Wirthmore, salt	139.00	
Carrol Matthews, tractor	36.00	
Perley Matthews, truck	36.11	
Ray, barrels	7.00	
P. Matthews, stove pipe	5.20	
Norton Braley, gas	4.45	
E. McClellan, gas	59.43	
P. Matthews, supplies	4.95	
Norris Smith, labor	30.59	
Roland Matthews, labor	10.64	
Chas. Matthews, labor	10.64	
Vernon Matthews, labor	10.64	
C. Hutchins, labor	2.66	
E. Matthews, Jr., labor	2.66	
		$ 900.89
		$ 3,444.94

General Expense Highway Department - To March 11

Arnold Barnard, repairs	$ 92.13	
H. S. Beadle, cross chains	21.60	
Bartlett Auto, repairs	498.74	
Dick's Body Shop, welding body	10.00	
		$ 622.47

General Expense Highway Dept. - Mar. 11 to Dec. 31

Shortts Garage, repairs	$ 52.65	
Lester W. Coffin, repairs to sander	15.47	

Bartlett Auto, repairs	474.02	
H. S. Beadle, chains	36.00	
John C. Ray, insurance on truck	54.20	
Jones Auto, repairs	13.90	
Jones Auto, repairs	24.70	
		$ 670.94
Total General Expense		$ 1,293.41

Parks and Playgrounds

Ernest Matthews, repairing dock	$ 3.33	
Charles Matthews, repairing dock	3.33	
Everett Hobart, repairing dock	3.33	
Perley Matthews	4.29	
Ernest Matthews	3.99	
Vernon Matthews, repairing fence	10.00	
Ray Woodward, sand	1.20	
Carroll Matthews, tractor	4.00	
		$ 33.47

Damages & Legal Expense

James W. Doherty, drawing deed	$ 25.00	
Sargent Bros., tax forms	13.49	
James W. Doherty, collection charges	35.69	
G. T. Ray, Jr., legal advice for year	35.00	
		$ 109.18

Advertising and Regional

Newfound Area Chamber of Commerce	$ 50.00

Taxes Bought by Town

Annie M. Esty, Collector	$ 291.42	
Annie M. Esty, costs	30.21	
F. J. Shores, registration	13.50	
F. J. Shores, checking mortgages	17.00	
		$ 352.13

Interest

Pemigewasset National Bank,		
Note in anticipation of taxes	$ 75.00	
First National Bank, Bristol,		
Cheever note	50.00	
Total		$ 125.00

Indebtedness

Pemigewasset National Bank,		
Note in anticipation of taxes	$ 5,000.00	
First National Bank, Bristol,		
Cheever note	1,000.00	
Total		$ 6,000.00

Payments to Other Governmental Divisions

State of New Hampshire, head taxes	$ 187.50	
Lawrence M. Colby, county tax	991.27	
Groton School District	6,500.00	
Total		$ 7,678.77

REPORT OF TAX COLLECTOR

Summary of Warrant — Levy of 1958

DEBITS:

Taxes Committed to Collector:			
Property Taxes	$ 16,340.57		
Poll Taxes	106.00		
Total Warrant		$ 16,446.57	
Yield Taxes		849.74	
Added Taxes:			
Property Taxes		3.45	
Poll Taxes		2.00	
Interest		.07	
Total Debits			$ 17,301.83

CREDITS:

Remittances to Treasurer:		
Property Taxes	$ 13,877.81	
Poll Taxes	48.00	
Yield Taxes	341.17	
Interest	.07	
Discount	356.83	
Abatements		
Property	3.45	
Poll Taxes	8.00	
Uncollected Taxes		
Property	2,105.93	
Poll Taxes	52.00	
Yield Taxes	508.57	
Total Credits		$ 17,301.83

Summary of Warrant — Levy of 1957

DEBITS:

Uncollected Taxes as of Jan. 1, 1958:

Property Taxes	$ 2,365.16	
Poll Taxes	56.00	
Yield Taxes	375.46	
Interest	104.44	
Added Poll Taxes	6.00	
Total Debits		$ 2,907.06

CREDITS:

Remittances to Treasurer:

Property Taxes	$ 2,353.16	
Poll Taxes	52.00	
Abatements		
Poll Taxes	10.00	
Property	12.00	
Yield Taxes	161.31	
Interest	104.44	
Uncollected Taxes		
Yield Taxes	214.15	
Total Credits		$ 2,907.06

Summary of Warrant

State Head Tax — Levy of 1958

DEBITS:

State Head Taxes Committed to Collector:

Original Warrant	$ 335.00		
Added Taxes	5.00		
Total Warrant		$ 340.00	
Penalties		3.50	
Total Debits			$ 343.50

CREDITS:

Remittances to Treasurer:

Head Taxes	$ 150.00	
Penalties	3.50	
Abatements	25.00	
Uncollected Taxes	165.00	
Total Credits		$ 343.50

Summary of Warrant

State Head Tax — Levy of 1957

DEBITS:

Uncollected Taxes as of Jan. 1, 1958	$ 145.00	
Added Tax	20.00	
Penalties	14.50	
Total Debits		$ 179.50

CREDITS:

Remittances to Treasurer:	$ 145.00	
Penalties	14.50	
Abatements	20.00	
Total Credits		$ 179.50

Summary of Tax Sales Accounts as of Dec. 31, 1958

DEBITS:

Tax Sale o/a of Levy of 1957:		
Taxes sold to town Sept. 24, 1958	$ 335.13	
Taxes sold to purchasers	117.87	
Interest collected	.61	
Total Debits		$ 453.61
Tax Sale o/a of Levy of 1956:		
Balance unredeemed taxes January 1, 1958	$ 537.79	
Interest collected	13.85	
Redemption costs	3.20	
Total Debits		$ 554.84

Tax Sale o/a of Levy of 1955:		
Balance unredeemed taxes		
January 1, 1958	$ 460.42	
Interest collected	60.63	
Redemption costs	2.80	
Total Debits		$ 523.85
CREDITS:		
Tax Sale o/a of Levy of 1957:		
Remittances to Treasurer	$ 45.50	
Remittances to Purchaser	7.94	
Unredeemed taxes	400.17	
Total Credits		$ 453.61
Tax Sale o/a of Levy of 1956:		
Remittances to Treasurer	$ 210.74	
Remittances to Purchaser	9.75	
Unredeemed taxes	334.35	
Total Credits		$ 554.84
Tax Sale o/a of Levy of 1955:		
Remittances to Treasurer	$ 523.85	
Total Credits		$ 523.85

ANNIE M. ESTY,
Tax Collector

REPORT OF TREASURER

RECEIPTS:

Annie M. Esty, Collector:

1956 Yield Tax	$ 132.02
Interest	10.62
1957 Property Tax	1,975.16
1957 Polls	52.00
1957 Interest	85.63
1957 Head Tax	145.00
1957 Penalties	14.50
1957 Yield Tax	161.31
1958 Property Tax	13,877.81
1958 Interest	.07
1958 Polls	48.00
1958 Head Tax	150.00
1958 Penalties	3.50
1958 Yield	341.17
Tax Sale	100.40
Interest	4.99
Taxes Bought by the Town	277.60
Interest	13.82
Taxes Redeemed	567.60

State of New Hampshire:

Plowing Roads	840.00
TRA Return	462.73
Interest and Dividends Tax	42.09
State Share of Forest Fire Investigation	9.66
Savings Bank Tax	.72
Reimbursement a/c Tax Loss, State Lands	18.81

Selectmen:

Pistol Permits	1.00
Plowing Driveways	112.00
Mrs. Parris, Reimb., a/c North Groton Fire	2.93

John C. Ray:	
Return Premium Workmen's Ins.	53.07
W. B. Wadsworth:	
Purchase of Culverts	18.00
Town Clerk:	
Recount of Ballots	10.00
Auto Permit Fees	602.16
Dog Tax	53.80
Pemigewasset National Bank Loan	5,000.00
Total Receipts	$ 25,188.17
Cash on Hand January 1, 1958	3,353.46
Grand Total	$ 28,541.63
PAYMENTS:	
Selectmen's Orders Paid	25,230.94
Balance	$ 3,310.69

Respectfully submitted,

ILEENE A. MATTHEWS,

Treasurer

REPORT OF TOWN CLERK

Received from Auto Permits:		
Auto Permit Fees Collected		$ 602.16
Received from Dog Licenses:		
Dog Taxes Collected	$ 58.00	
Less Clerk's Fees	4.20	
		53.80
Paid to the Treasurer		$ 655.96

Respectfully submitted,

ILEENE A. MATTHEWS,

Town Clerk

There were no fires reported for the year 1958.

REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF GROTON, N. H. FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1958

Name of Trust Fund Purpose of Trust Fund	How Invested	Amount of Principal	Bal. Income Beginning of Year	Income Dur. Yr.	Expended Dur. Yr.	Balance End of Yr.
George Hall Fund Care of Cemetery Lot	Plymouth Savings Bank Bank Deposit	$ 100.00	$ 43.31	$ 4.33	$ 3.00	$ 44.64
Cyrus Blood Fund Care of Cemetery Lot	Plymouth Savings Bank Bank Deposit	50.00	29.23	2.39		31.62
		$ 150.00	$ 72.54	$ 6.72	$ 3.00	$ 76.26

LAURIE A. NETTLETON, Trustee

REPORT OF LIBRARIAN

Books owned Jan. 1, 1958		2,202
Books added by gifts, State of N.H.	2	
Books added by town	4	
Books added by gifts	14	
		20
On hand		2,222
Books borrowed from Bookmobile		333
Services:		
Volumes of adult fiction loaned	311	
Volumes of non-fiction loaned	62	
Volumes of juvenile fiction loaned	41	
Total		414
Total Circulation:		
Regular borrowers	27	
New borrowers	6	
School children	65	
Total		98
Cash Statement:		
In hands of Librarian March, 1958		$ .00
Received from fines	$ 1.08	
Payments:		
Postage	.94	
On hand		$ .14

Children's Hour

Receipts from:		
Whist party	$ 10.65	
Gifts, Sam Lane	1.00	
Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Matthews	1.00	
Total		$ 12.65
Expenses:		
Paints and materials	$ 4.72	
Slates	1.50	
Light bulbs	.42	
Insect bomb	.79	
Constructive toys	2.96	
Paper, crayons, paste, etc.	.80	
		11.29
Balance on hand		$ 1.36
Attendance:		
Pre-school children	94	
School children	112	
Total		206

REPORT OF LIBRARY TREASURER

Receipts Jan. 1, 1958 to Dec. 31, 1958

Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1958	$ 12.09	
Selectmen	200.00	
Agnes Lane	3.52	
Miss Warner	10.00	
		$ 225.61

Payments Jan. 1, 1958 to Dec. 31, 1958

Mar.			
1	A. G. Matthews, janitor	$ 5.00	
29	Zelma Watts, salary	3.00	
Apr.			
14	Perley Matthews, labor	11.97	
May			
2	Farm Bureau, insurance	10.85	
Aug.			
2	N.H. Electric Coop., light	33.00	
2	Readers Digest, books	7.32	
28	Helen Albert, salary	12.00	
Sept.			
22	Farm Bureau, insurance	19.53	
22	Donald Colby, mowing lawn	6.00	
Dec.			
6	Anne Nettleton, salary & expense	81.60	
31	Readers Digest, book	2.49	
31	Library Association, dues	3.00	
	Check Book	2.00	
			$ 197.76
Cash on hand			27.85
			$ 225.61

FLORA MATTHEWS, Treasurer

Johnny had *better* learn to read

It no longer matters whether
he wants to
or would like to
or may learn when the spirit moves him.
Johnny now has no choice.

He had better learn to read
and read well
or we may wind up in a world where
no English is written any more.

Reading is the key to all knowledge
and knowledge is power
and power means survival.

Napoleon knew that, and he
once said,

"Show me a family of readers,
and I'll show you the people
who move the world."

We Americans don't want to
move the world.

But we don't want anyone else to, either.
So Johnny had *better*
learn to read.

Because you can bet
Ivan is spending a
lot of time on *his* books.

Donated by A.S.N. *This message is from Newsweek*

VITAL STATISTICS

Marriages

In Orford, N.H., May 25, 1958, by Rev. Ralph F. Cole, Gilbert W. Brown of Wentworth, N.H., and Lorena D. Waldron of Groton, N.H.

In Plymouth, N.H., September 6, 1958, by Rev. Hubert F. Mann, Roland Earl Matthews of Groton, N.H., and Constance Phyllis St. Lawrence of Groton, N.H.

Births

In Franklin, N.H., October 5, 1958, to Everett R. Hobart and Mary C. Hobart, a son, Michael Richard.

Deaths

In Hampton Beach, N.H., June 7, 1958, Minnie Margaret Davis, age 46 years.

In Franklin, N.H., August 8, 1958, Thomas Naylor, age 75 years.

In Meredith, N.H., September 1, 1958, Nathan Alberto Bickford, age 86 years.

In Groton, N.H., November 21, 1958, William Byron Hobbs, age 77 years.

I hereby certify that the above records are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

ILEENE A. MATTHEWS,
Town Clerk

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF GROTON

District Officers

Carroll D. Matthews	Moderator
Mrs. Ileene A. Matthews	Treasurer
Mrs. Ileene A. Matthews	Clerk
Mrs. Zelma Watts	Auditor

School Board

Mrs. Beatrice Smith	Term expires 1959
Mrs. Annie M. Esty	Term expires 1960
Mrs. Flora Matthews	Term expires 1961

Teacher

Mrs. Rosamund Orr

Superintendent of Schools

C. Maurice Gray

School Nurse

Mrs. Rita H. Webster

School Calendar 1959 - 60

Open Sept. 8	Close Dec. 18
Open Jan. 4	Close Feb. 19
Open Feb. 29	Close Apr. 22
Open May 2	Close June 16

Days out: Nov. 26, 27 (close 12:30 Nov. 25); Teachers' Convention October 15, 16; May 30.

Total number of days required by State Board is 180 including three for institutes and conventions and up to five for work shops.

Pupils must enter the first grade if six by Sept. 30 and may enter if six by Jan. 1.

Vaccination is required by state law unless child has written excuse from doctor.

COMPARATIVE BUDGETS

ITEM	Expend. 1957-58	Budget 1958-59	Est. Exp. 1958-59	Est. Bdgt. 1959-60
Administration				
Salaries of district officers	$ 124.00	$ 130.00	$ 130.00	$ 144.00
Superintendent's salary	121.76	106.02	70.21	105.26
Tax for state-wide supervision	50.00	52.00	52.00	42.00
Salaries of admin. personnel	65.16	70.56	77.12	76.60
Supplies and expenses	136.42	110.00	130.00	130.00
Instruction				
Teachers' salaries	3,461.05	3,450.00	3,450.00	3,450.00
Books and other aids	255.24	40.00	40.00	40.00
Scholars' supplies	58.69	35.00	35.00	35.00
Supplies and other expenses	2.20	10.00	10.00	10.00
Operation of School Plant				
Salary of janitor	25.00	25.00	25.00	36.00
Fuel or heat	195.84	200.00	200.00	200.00
Water, light, supplies & exp.	54.35	50.00	100.00	100.00
Maintenance of School Plant				
Repairs and replacements	66.65	150.00	150.00	150.00
Auxiliary Activities				
Health supervision	58.79	55.80	55.80	55.40
Transportation of pupils	1,152.00	1,152.00	1,341.18	1,152.00
Tuition, high school	1,087.74	2,400.00	1,700.00	1,825.00
Tuition, elementary	105.55			
Spec. activities & spec. funds	20.00	35.00	35.00	35.00
Fixed Charges				
Retirement	217.45	250.00	190.00	250.00
Insurance, treas. bonds & exp.	148.50	52.00	52.00	5.00
Contingency Fund		300.00		300.00
Capital Outlay				
New equipment	192.00			
Total Expenditures	**$ 7,598.39**	**$ 8,673.38**	**$ 7,843.31**	**$ 8,141.26**

School Board's Estimate

Estimated Balance	$ 700.00
Total other than Property Taxes	$ 700.00
District Assessment	**7,441.26**
Total Appropriation	**$ 8,141.26**

SCHOOL TREASURER'S REPORT

For Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1958

Summary:

Cash on hand July 1, 1957		$ 269.27
Received from Selectmen, Current Appropriation	$ 9,159.91	
Received from all other sources	1.84	
Total Receipts		9,161.75
Total amount available for fiscal year		**9,431.02**
Less School Board Orders Paid		7,598.39
Balance on hand June 30, 1958		$ 1,832.63

ILEENE A. MATTHEWS,
Treasurer

Auditor's Certificate

This is to certify that I have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements and other financial records of the treasurer of the school district of Groton of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1958 and find them correct in all respects.

ZELMA G. WATTS,
Auditor

SCHOOL BOARD'S REPORT

Receipts from:		
Selectmen, current appropriation	$ 9,159.91	
State of N.H., refund on per capita tax	1.84	
		$ 9,161.75
Cash on hand June 30, 1957		269.27
Total Receipts		$ 9,431.02

Detailed Statement of Payments

Salaries of District Officers:		
Flora Matthews, school board	$ 30.00	
Annie M. Esty, school board	30.00	
Beatrice Smith, school board	30.00	
Zelma Watts, auditor	4.00	
Ileene Matthews, clerk & treasurer	30.00	
		$ 124.00
Superintendent's Salary:		
Supervisory Union No. 4		121.76
Salaries of Other Administrative Personnel:		
Annie Esty, school census	$ 5.00	
Supervisory Union No. 4, clerk's salary	60.16	
		65.16
Expenses of Administration:		
Supervisory Union No. 4, share of union expenses	$ 81.64	
The Enterprise Press, notices	4.80	
The Record Print, notices	9.85	
Flora Matthews, expenses	11.83	
Annie Esty, expenses	3.35	
N.H. School Boards' Assoc., dues	5.00	

Beatrice Smith, expenses	4.96	
Ileene Matthews, postage	.12	
Buckland's Flowers	13.60	
First Nat'l Bank, service charges	1.27	
		136.42
Teachers' Salaries:		
Frances Paul	$ 2,765.46	
Director of Internal Revenue	405.60	
Treas., State of N.H., Soc. Sec.	75.69	
Carolyn Emery, substitute	96.40	
N.H. Teachers Ret. System	117.90	
		3,461.05
Text Books:		
Martin & Murray Co., Inc.	$ 17.15	
Row, Peterson & Co.	47.37	
Silver Burdett Co.	49.66	
Follett Publishing Co.	73.55	
American Education Publications	8.60	
American Book Co.	20.57	
The Continental Press Inc.	2.59	
D. C. Heath & Co.	30.96	
Charles E. Merrill Co., Inc.	3.44	
Cardigan Sport Store	1.35	
		255.24
Scholars' Supplies:		
Bristol School District	$ 9.69	
Scott Foresman & Co.	1.20	
Milton Bradley Co.	18.58	
Silver Burdett Co.	3.32	
Lyons & Carnahan	3.64	
Follett Publishing Co., Inc.	14.30	
Cardigan Sport Store	5.50	
Continental Press, Inc.	2.46	
		58.69

Other Expenses of Instruction:		
J. L. Hammett Co., diploma covers		2.20
Janitor Service:		
Frances Paul		25.00
Fuel:		
Charles A. Carr Co.		195.84
Water, Light & Janitor Supplies:		
West Disinfecting Co., towels	$ 27.10	
H. J. Follansbee Co., incinerator	5.25	
N.H. Elec. Coop., electricity	22.00	
		54.35
Minor Repairs & Replacements:		
Gertrude Adams, cleaning	$ 14.00	
Greenwood Plumbing Co., cleaning furnace	10.50	
Rand's Hardware, keys	.90	
Charles Hickin, mowing playground	6.00	
Perley Matthews, fixing seats	3.00	
Geo. Tucker, putting in lights	22.25	
Floyd Colby, Jr., cleaning cellar	10.00	
		66.65
Medical Inspection:		
Supervisory Union No. 4, nurse's salary	$ 55.86	
C. B. Boyd, supplies	2.93	
		58.79
Transportation of Pupils:		
Carroll Matthews		1,152.00
High School Tuition:		
Bristol School District	$ 949.74	
Canaan School District	51.55	
Concord Union School District	42.00	
		1,043.29

Elementary School Tuition:		
Canaan School District		150.00
Other Special Activities:		
Clyde Mosher, transp. class trip		20.00
Tax for State-Wide Supervision:		
N.H. State Treasurer		50.00
Insurance & Other Fixed Charges:		
John C. Ray, insurance & treasurer's bond		148.50
New Equipment:		
Paris Mfg. Co., desks and chairs		192.00
Retirement:		
N.H. State Treas., Soc. Sec.	$ 45.41	
N.H. Teachers Ret. System	172.04	
		217.45
Total Expenditures		$ 7,598.39

Certificate

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. The accounts are kept in accordance with Section 24 of Chapter 71 of the Revised Statutes Annotated, and upon forms prescribed by the State Tax Commission.

BEATRICE SMITH
ANNIE M. ESTY
FLORA MATTHEWS
School Board

GENERAL STATISTICS

Enrollment by Grades

1957 - 58									
Grades	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
	0	1	2	2	1	1	1	2	10
1958 - 59									
Dec. 19	1	0	1	2	2	1	1	1	9

District Totals

	Av. Attend.	Av. Abs.	Av. Memb.	% Attend.
1957 - 58	14.0	.7	14.7	95.0
1958 - 59				
Dec. 19	8.6	.4	9.0	95.5

Tuition Pupils

Bristol High School — Rate $350

Linda Davis	Grade 9
Bonnie Lee Matthews	10
Betty St. Lawrence	12

Plymouth School District — Rate $325

Maxine Boardman	Grade 9
Josephine Tarr	9

SUPERVISORY UNION NO. 4 BUDGET 1957 - '58

District	Nurse	Travel	Office	Clerk	Conv.	*Supt.	Travel	Total
Alexandria	$112.91	$63.69	$26.06	$121.59	$5.79	$246.08	$69.48	$645.60
Bridgewater	157.76	88.99	36.41	169.89	8.09	343.83	97.08	902.05
Bristol	735.83	415.09	169.81	792.44	37.74	1603.74	452.82	4207.47
Canaan	541.71	305.58	125.01	583.38	27.78	1180.65	333.36	3097.47
Danbury	124.61	70.29	28.75	134.19	6.39	271.57	76.68	712.48
Grafton	112.32	63.36	25.92	120.96	5.76	244.80	69.12	642.24
Groton	55.86	31.51	12.89	60.16	2.86	121.76	34.38	319.42
Hebron	90.97	51.32	20.99	97.97	4.67	198.26	55.98	520.16
Orange	18.03	10.17	4.16	19.42	.92	39.31	11.10	103.11
	$1950.00	$1100.00	$450.00	$2100.00	$100.00	$4250.00	$1200.00	$11150.00
					State's share	2750.00		
						$7000.00		

* State's share of superintendent's salary increased from $2750 to $4000 resulting in rebates to be taken as credit towards salary for 1958-59 by vote of the union.